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A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of April 18, 2007, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 18, 2007, Applicants present this amendment after final rejection, requesting entry of an amendment to cancel claims in preparation for appeal.

There are no amendments to the Specification.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no Amendments to the Drawings.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

There is not an appendix to this paper.

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